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R E P O R T
OF THE
SELECTMEN OF CROYDON,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1863.

DISBURSEMENTS,
PAID FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Dist. No. 1.	Marshall Putnam,	\$ 70.15
" " 2.	Welcome P. Partridge,	192.01
" " 3.	Otis W. Putnam,	99.68
" " 4.	Sylvester Rowell,	42.17
" " 5.	Edward H. Brown,	66.05
" " 6.	Gilman Stockwell,	34.70
" " 7.	John Hurd,	15.15
" " 9.	Barnabas C. Whipple,	14.03
" " 10.	Samuel N. Davis,	15.45
		<hr/> \$549.39
Paid State tax,		\$171.20
" County tax,		302.59
		<hr/> \$473.79

PAID FOR BRIDGES.

Paid for Glidden Bridge,	\$ 42.02
" " factory bridge and bridge near the gristmill,	89.84
" " bridge at the Flat,	161.94
" " clearing out river, making wall, stopping wa- ter and repairing road near the gristmill,	69.25
	<hr/> \$363.05
Paid W. H. H. Allen for surveying town lines,	\$ 2.50
" Willard Sherman damage sustained on mountain road,	5.00
" Alanson C. Barton for work,	75

NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE LIBRARY

Paid N. B. Frye for work,	4.40
" Reuben Cooper for keeping watering trough on highway,	2.50
" Washington Stockwell damage sustained in consequence of defect in highway in the year 1861,	5.00
" Washington Stockwell for work on bridge near Peter Barton's sawmill in 1861,	34
" Joel Ferry for damage sustained on highway at different times up to date,	125.00
" E. C. Converse for Truss for Darius Hall,	4.50
	—\$149.99
" Enoch P. Trow for damages sustained by getting into snow drift near Luke Paul's,	2.00
" John Cooper for tolling bell,	2.25
" Ira Brailey for shoveling out road,	2.00
" Lemuel P. Cooper for plank,	2.20
" Ruel Durkee for plank and timber for bridges,	4.50
" Gilman Stockwell for repairing mountain road,	5.00
" Gilman Stockwell for 100 feet plank,	1.00
" Reuben Cooper for 2845 feet plank,	28.45
" Rufus Baker 50 feet plank,	50
" D. D. Marsh for plank,	6.00
" Jonathan Wheeler for plank,	4.80
" John C. Loverin for breaking out road last Mar.,	2.00
" Alfred Cutting 150 feet plank,	1.50
" for lock for town house,	30
	—\$62.50
Paid Hollis Hersey for opening 4 graves,	\$ 5.25
" Marshall Putnam for " 2 "	3.00
" Hiram P. Kempton for " 3 "	4.00
	—\$12.25

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid H. Putnam for support of A. Chase from April 1st 1862 to April 1st 1863.	\$ 42.00
" Samuel Sherman for support of L. Chase from April 1st 1862 to April 1st 1863,	40.00
" Stephen P. Whitney for support of J. Pollard and wife to January 27th 1863,	156.00
" P. Durkee for support of Lydia Allen to January 27th 1863,	90.62
" clothing for Joel Chase,	13.47
" Henry C. Bartlett for support of Horace Bartlett and wife,	32.35
" R. Durkee for support of E. Kennison,	25.00
" clothing for Eugene Kennison,	27.12
" Phebe Barton for support of Mary Kennison,	8.25
" Reuben Kidder for support of Mary Kennison,	3.00
" Daniel Kennedy for support of Mary Kennison,	23.25
" clothing for Mary Kennison,	9.90
" L. P. Cooper for support of Jennie Katterson,	22.35
" Phebe Barton for support of Jennie Katterson,	1.07
" clothing for Jennie Katterson,	6.00
" John Hurd for support of D. Hall from April 1st	

1862 to April 1st 1863,	40.00
" clothing for D. Hall,	6.22
" David Harding for support of Lydia Harding,	65.00
" N. Nelson for support of G. G. Carroll,	31.00
" Joseph Crooker for support of W. S. Carroll,	52.00
" clothing for W. S. Carroll,	5.42
" W. Bartlett for support of Mrs. Hyde,	40.00
" J. Crooker for support of Horace Bartlett and Wife,	157.50
" S. Morse for support of Charles Day,	14.58
" the town of Grantham for support of Charles Day,	12.00
" A. C. Barton for support of C. Day,	21.50
" clothing for Charles Day.	3.49
" A. Lane for support of Mary Lane,	32.00
" James Eastman for support of S. Eastman,	10.00
" Ira Sanborn for support of S. Eastman,	4.50
" Alfred Cutting for support of S. Eastman,	6.00
" J. G. Gardner for support of S. Eastman,	11.80
" Doddridge Paul for support of S. Eastman,	4.00
" R. Durkee for support of S. Eastman,	12.00
" Clothing for S. Eastman,	11.36
" 1 pair of shoes for Lydia Harding,	1.35
" medicine for Samuel Eastman,	2.00
" support of Samuel Chase.	19.18
" support and doctoring Stephen Brown,	87.56
	<hr/> \$1150.74

Paid Williams Barton for 7 visits and medicine for Horace Bartlett's wife,	\$ 6.00
" Williams Barton for 34 visits and medicine for Lydia Harding,	17.00
" Williams Barton for doctoring Mariam Butman,	3.50
	<hr/> \$26.50

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

E. W. Collins, assessed in 1856	\$5.64
Philip Harding, " 1857	3.27
Frank Stevens, " 1857	3.27
Sophronia Stockwell, " 1861	9.15
Van Buren Carroll, poll " 1862	1.86
Henry Barton, " 1862	2.60
George Angell, " 1862	1.15
George H. Ross, " 1862	1.86
Munroe C. Nichols, " 1862	1.86
Cyrus Hale's highway tax worked by Rufus Hale,	75
	<hr/> \$31.40

Paid soldiers' families before the first of June, 1862, and interest, and not paid by the State,	\$ 20.73
" Reuben Cooper interest on town note,	15.00
" Adam Rand interest on town note,	12.00
" Interest to the Sugar River Bank,	23.00
" Interest on money paid to families of volunteers, and disabled soldiers to March 1st 1863,	18.82

Paid Ruel Durkee for stationery, blanks and postage, and stamps for notes,	4.00
" Ruel Durkee for going to Concord 5 times to muster in soldiers,	10.00
" Ruel Durkee expenses for five journeys to Con- cord,	20.00
" for printing this report,	10.00
" bounty to soldiers,	1450.00
	<hr/> \$1583.65
Paid Ruel Durkee for services as selectman,	35.00
" Nathan Hall " "	25.00
" David E. Rider " "	15.00
" D. D. Marsh for services as Town Clerk,	12.00
" John Cooper for services as Superintending School Committee,	15.00
" O. C. Forehand for services of Collector of Taxes,	15.00
	<hr/> \$117.00
	<hr/> 4520.26

The Selectmen have Credited the Town as follows:

By list of taxes assessed and delivered to the Collector,	\$2023.03
" Literary Fund,	60.21
" Interest on school notes,	61.88
" last year's Selectmen,	14.95
	<hr/> \$2160.07

Received of the County of Sullivan for the support
of the following paupers:

Lydia Allen to Jan. 27th 1863,	90.62
Abigail Chase, " "	42.00
Livera Chase, " "	40.00
James Pollard and wife to Jan. 27, 1863,	156.00
Eugene Jennison, to Jan. 27, 1863,	52.12
Mary Jennison, " "	48.90
Jennie Katterson, " "	34.00
Mary Lane, " "	32.00
Samuel Chase,	19.18
Clothing for Joel Chase,	13.47
Stephen Brown,	87.56
For doctoring Mariam Butman,	3.50
	<hr/> \$619.35
Received of Adam Rand,	300.00
" Reuben Cooper,	400.00
" Robert Stinson,	400.00
" Worthen Hall,	665.00
	<hr/> \$1765.00

Total amount paid out,

\$4544.42
4520.26

Leaving a balance in the treasury of

24.16

The town owes two notes to Reuben Cooper, amounting to	650.00
The town owes two notes to Worthen Hall, amounting to	665.00
The town owes a note to Adam Rand,	300.00
" " " " Robert Stinson,	400.00
	<hr/> \$2015.00

The Selectmen have paid to aid in support of the families of volunteers who have been mustered into the service of the United States from this town and to volunteers who have returned home discharged, from disability, from said service, which sum is due this town from the State of New Hampshire, amounting in the whole to. \$941.20

Of the above sum the Selectmen have hired of Pliny Hall. \$700.00
Of Worthen Hall, 241.20

\$941.20

Which is respectfully submitted,

RUEL DURKEE	} Selectmen of Croydon.
NATHAN HALL,	
DAVID E. RIDER,	

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The close of another year makes it the duty of your committee to render an annual report of his labors and of the progress and standing of your schools.

I entered upon my official duties by examining the teachers of your summer schools. The candidates, without exception, were well qualified in a literary point of view; and they were persons of blameless morals.— The same may be also said of the teachers of the *winter* schools. I visited each summer school near its commencement, and again at its close; and I have also visited each winter school, both at its beginning and close, excepting the schools now in session. As the result of my examinations, I have found that, as a general thing, your schools during the past year, have been successful. Some of them have done better than others; but none have been failures, or have ranked below mediocrity. But an improvement might be made in some of your schools if parents, teachers, and pupils would unite and stop all *profane* language on the part of pupils. Profanity is a useless as well as vicious habit, and should be discountenanced by every friend of morality and virtue. The following is a separate report of the condition and progress of each school.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT No. 1. Teacher, Miss Stella V. Marsh. Commenced Sept. 8th. This was a profitable term for one so short. Both teacher and pupils acquitted themselves with credit to all concerned. Length, 5 weeks. Whole number of pupils, 28; Reading, 28; Spelling, 28; Penmanship, 14; Grammar, 6; Geography, 3; Physiology, 2; not attending anywhere, 3; Visitors, 13.

DISTRICT No. 2. Teacher, Miss Betsey Ann Stevens. Commenced May 5th. This was a well conducted school. The teacher was systematic and thorough in her manner of teaching, and evinced no small tact in managing her large school. The progress was good; and the closing examination was creditable both to teacher and pupils. Length 9 weeks; Whole, 39; Reading, 21; Spelling, 30; Penmanship, 23; Arithmetic, 22; Grammar 4; Geography, 10; Not attending, 11; Visitors, 29.

DISTRICT No. 3. Teacher, Miss Lois M. Whipple. Commenced May 5th. This was a well conducted school, considering the obstacles which lay in the way of progress. The multiplicity of text-books was evidently detrimental to the interests of the school. Colburn's, Holbrook's, Emerson's and Robinson's small arithmetics had found their way into the school, thus making it necessary to form *four* classes where *two* only should exist. A consolidation of the classes was recommended, but without effect, owing probably to a little extra expense which such a measure would incur. But notwithstanding the hindrances named, the progress of the pupils, with few exceptions, was good. The teacher and her pupils

displayed much taste in decorating the school-room before the closing examination. Length, 10 weeks; Whole, 30; Reading, 30; Spelling, 30; Penmanship, 16; Arithmetic, 22; Grammar, 5; Geography, 15; Visitors, 18.

DISTRICT No. 5. Teacher, Miss Susan G. Johnson. Commenced May 12th. In order, discipline, and other things which constitute a good school, the term was not behind its predecessors in this district. Of course, the progress was rapid and in the right direction, and proved that the term had been profitably spent. The presence of a number of visitors at the examination near the close of the school, evinced that a good school is properly appreciated in this district. Length, 10 weeks; Whole, 27; Reading, 22; Spelling, 22; Penmanship, 14; Arithmetic, 13; Grammar, 5; Geography, 10; History, 1; Not attending, 3; Visitors, 28.

DISTRICT No. 6. Teacher, Miss Mary Jane Frye. Commenced May 12th. The progress of the pupils was fair, allowance being made for the brevity of the term and the size of the school. It needs a larger school than this, to create an emulation necessary to develop the faculties of the pupils, and render their studies interesting and profitable. As it was, it was apparent to your committee that both teacher and pupils had used commendable diligence during the short term. Length, 5 weeks; Whole, 7; Reading, 7; Spelling, 7; Penmanship, 4; Arithmetic, 1; Grammar, 1; Visitors, 17.

WINTER SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT No. 1. Teacher, Miss Sarah A. Kibbey. Commenced Dec. 15th. This term commenced favorably; and the expectations then raised, have been more than realized during the progress of the school.—Both teacher and pupils have labored to produce a good school; and the result of their labors has been creditable to all concerned. The discipline has been sufficiently exact for all practical purposes, while the order of the school has been excellent. Much credit is due to Miss Kibbey for her successful management of the school; nor should the meed of praise be withheld from the larger pupils who have co-operated with her in producing the pleasing result. The term had not closed when this report was written.

DISTRICT No. 2 JUVENILE DEPARTMENT. Teacher, Miss Susan G. Johnson. Commenced Dec. 1st. Another useful term of this school has been taught by Miss Johnson. She has the rare gift of winning the love and confidence of her pupils. This perfect understanding, existing between the teacher and her pupils, must render less onerous the task of the former, in guiding and managing her juvenile charge. The district ought to retain her services as long as possible; for she is emphatically "the right teacher in the right place." Length, 12 weeks; Whole, 35; Reading, 30; Spelling, 30; Penmanship, 20; Arithmetic, 18; Geography, 18; Visitors, 39.

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT. Teacher, Mr. Erastus R. Boyce. Commenced Dec. 1st. This was another excellent school. The enthusiasm, raised last winter, has been continued without abatement through the last term. The pupils who attended school constantly, made rapid progress in their studies—a result invariably following the employment of an experienced and successful teacher in the same school, for two or more consecutive years. The district would act wisely, should they continue to employ Mr. Boyce as long as his services can be obtained for a reasonable compensation. Length, 12 weeks; Whole, 38; Reading, 38; Spell

ing; 38; Penmanship, 20; Arithmetic, 38; Algebra, 9; Grammar, 17; Geography, 19; Composition, 15; Declamation, 38; Visitors, 101.

DISTRICT No. 3. Teacher, Mr. Oren C. Kibbey. Commenced Dec. 1st. This term was taught by an experienced instructor, one who had taught this school successfully several terms before. And he has taught here again with success. A few large boys who occasionally attended, received but little profit from the school; but the examination at the close of the school evinced that the constant attendants, together with the teacher, had been busy throughout the term. Length, 8 2-6 weeks. Whole, 30; Reading, 30; Spelling, 30; Penmanship, 16; Arithmetic, 23; Grammar, 8; Geography, 13; Physiology, 3; Not attending, 2; Visitors, 20.

DISTRICT No. 4. Teacher, Mr. Elijah G. Ryder. Commenced Dec. 1st. This school, under the management of Mr. Ryder, gave general satisfaction to the district. The discipline was good and the order sufficiently exact. The progress of the pupils, though good, was not so great as it has been in some other districts. Length, 9 3/4 weeks; Whole, 16; Reading, 16; Spelling, 16; Penmanship, 9; Arithmetic, 10; Grammar, 4; Geography, 3; Composition, 3; Not attending, 1; Visitors, 11.

DISTRICT No. 5. Teacher, Miss Mary S. Hall. Commenced Dec. 1st. As the term has not closed at this present time of writing, it is impossible to render a full report of its condition and progress. But from "common report," and from what could be learned in visiting it at its commencement and again after it had been in session about six weeks, it is deemed perfectly safe to state that the school has been a successful one.

A combination of teacher, pupils and parents, all alive and wide awake, rarely fails of producing a progressive school. In fact, your committee is inclined to believe that the present school falls below none that has ever been taught in the district.

DISTRICT No. 6. Teacher, Miss Stella V. Marsh. Commenced Oct. 13th. The closing examination disclosed the fact that the pupils had been thoroughly drilled in their studies; and it was perfectly satisfactory to your committee. Both teacher and pupils appeared to have discharged their duty. Length, 14 weeks; Whole, 12; Reading, 12; Spelling, 12; Penmanship, 8; Arithmetic, 10; Grammar 3; History, 1; Not attending, 2; Visitors, 11.

During the present winter some of our teachers have initiated the practice here of visiting with their pupils the schools of each other.—Such visits are recommended by writers on education, and, when judiciously made, have, doubtless, a beneficial tendency. By this intercourse teachers may be mutually benefitted by comparing notes with each other on the different methods of teaching which they have adopted; while friendly feelings and new incentives to study will be likely to spring up among the members of the schools, engaged in this social intercourse.

An opportunity having presented itself of introducing with little or no expense Greenleaf's popular series of text-books on arithmetic, it was deemed expedient to make the change. The Arithmetics of Adams, of Robinson, and of Eaton, are excellent works, perhaps fully equal to that introduced. But, as the popular demand appeared to be for Greenleaf's Arithmetics, and as these could be introduced with less expense than any of the others, and would be more likely to produce uniformity throughout the town, your committee felt justified in making the selection already named.

JOHN COOPER.